

AJC July 2020  
Atlanta Beats COVID

- Describe your organization.

We are an ad-hoc group of volunteer makers, engineers, fabricators, seamsters, and other Southeast industry experts that are working to provide our hard-working healthcare providers and other vital members of our community with the necessary PPE that they need to stay safe while battling COVID-19.

- What groups are involved?

ABC is a partnership between Decatur Makers, Maker Station, Roswell Firelabs, Gwinnett Geekspace, Atlanta Face Shields, Atlanta Shield Makers, and independent makers in the metro Atlanta area.

- What services are you offering in light of the COVID-19 outbreak?

Since late March, we have delivered over 22,650 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to our community including hospitals, clinics, dental offices, and first responders. We are now shifting our focus to partnering with schools to provide face shields to teachers returning to their classrooms.

- Why do you feel like what you're doing is important?

We have received amazing feedback from our community:

"We are extremely grateful for the donation. We are having a hard time getting PPE's. We provide services to clients that bring us face to face. We want to be sure that everyone stays healthy. Thank you!"

"Thank you for responding so quickly and taking the initiative to do what you did. It is people like you that will make the world a better place even after covid. keep up the good work and know that you are appreciated by all healthcare workers. You have helped us feel safer in a vulnerable environment."

"The service you are providing is so awesome and I am so grateful! It has been difficult to obtain proper PPE at our dental office due to delays but now we are able to get back to work and help those in need. Thank you!"

"I would [like] to thank everyone for their unselfish love and kindness! The sacrifice you made to help others during this crucial pandemic! Your hard work and time is appreciated by sooo many people! You all are my heroes!"

- Where are your supplies going?

Hospitals that we have provided PPE include Grady, Emory, Northside, Kennestone, Gwinnett, Piedmont, Kaiser Permanente, and the VA hospital.

We have also provided PPE to COVID testing sites, Assisted living facilities, clinics, first responders, dental offices, MARTA, and other non-profit organizations that serve our community.

Very recently, we have started providing PPE to schools including The Cottage School and St. David's Preschool.

- What can people do to help?

We love our volunteers. We are always looking for volunteers to help assemble and sanitize face shields, deliver raw materials and finished products, and manufacture products with 3d printers, casting, or laser cutting.

- How/where can people donate?

We appreciate both cash donations and material donations on our website:

<https://atlantabeatscovid.com/donate>

Financially, we are operating under Decatur Makers' 501c-3 non-profit status. Please add in a note indicating that you would like your donation to be directed towards "Atlanta Beats COVID".

- Is there anything else you think I need to know about your work or situation?

We are starting to receive many requests from schools and individual teachers for face shields as schools are looking to reopen in the next month. We are transitioning our resources to address this need in our community. We welcome any volunteers who want to help with production, assembly, or deliveries at <https://atlantabeatscovid.com/> With the influx of requests, we are requesting that an authorized school representative coordinate the requests for the entire school.

One of our volunteers, Lee Witcher, made intubation enclosures for Emory Hospital in Midtown. These intubation enclosures were immediately put to use in the OR.

When the [Sewing Masks for Atlanta Hospitals \(SMAH\)](#) group had trouble sourcing bias tape makers for sewing cloth masks, our volunteers started 3D printing bias tape makers. We donated over 200 bias tape makers to SMAH. Our merry band of makers are here to help our community in unconventional ways.

Overworked healthcare workers were not always able to pick up PPE at our location. Delivery of PPE was one of our biggest challenges. Fortunately we were able to count on our volunteer drivers as well as generous sponsorships from UPS Foundation, Roadie, and Pluto delivery to deliver 22,650 PPE items to hundreds of offices.

- Can organizations or people request your aid?

With the recent influx of orders, we ask that an authorized representative from each organization make the request for the entire group instead of individual requests. Please have your authorized representative make your request through our website:

<https://atlantabeatscovid.com/>

- What is your full name and position in the organization, so I can properly credit you?

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Kennestone Hospital



Grady Hospital



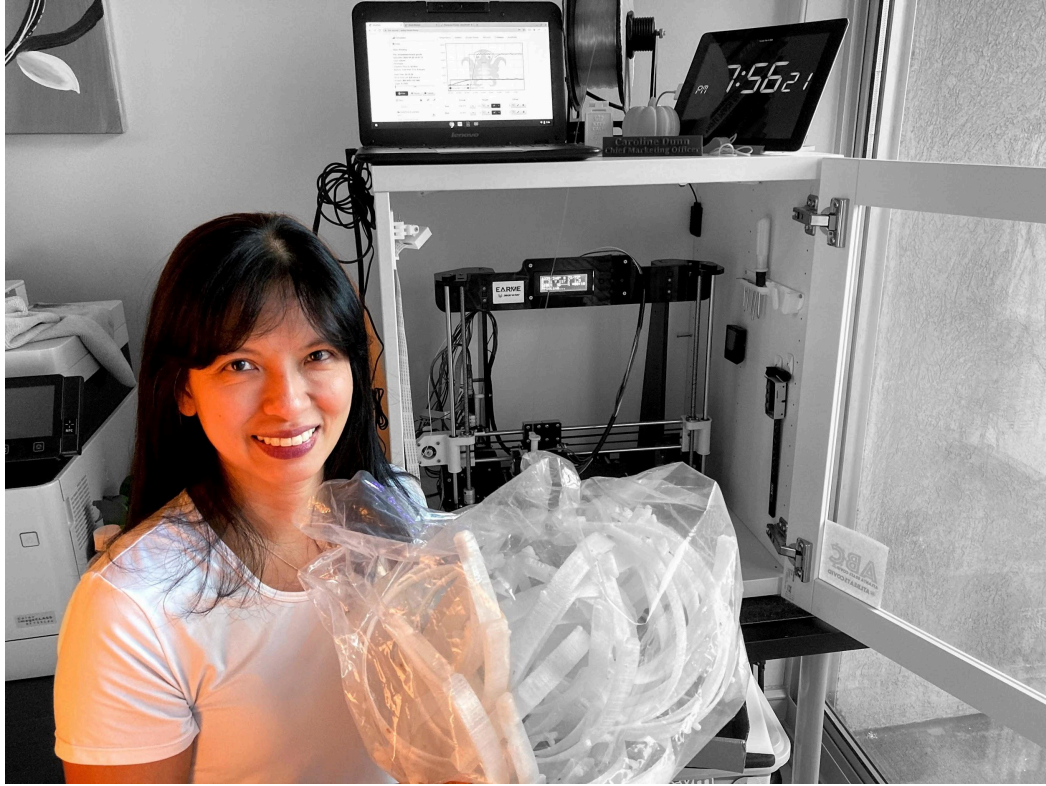
Emory Midtown Hospital  
Intubation Enclosures



Fulton County Board of Health



Sean Mills delivering PPE to Metro Ambulance Service



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